QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY
(but not taken up)

Vacation Training School in Gulbarga

17. SMT. VIJAYA DESAI (Chitapur).—Will the Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Teacher's Training Schools running in the State;

(*b*) how many of them are vacation training schools (languagewise information be furnished) ;

(*c*) whether Government are contemplating to start a vacation training school in Gulbarga with Urdu medium ;

SRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education).—

(*a*) 87

(*b*) There are 21 correspondence-*cum*-vacation course-contact centres. Medium of instruction is Kannada and English in these Centres.

(*c*) No. There are 3 regular Teachers-Training Institutions in Gulbarga. out of which two are with Kannada Medium and one in both Kannada and Urdu Media.

Message from the Chairman L. C.
ANNOUNCEMENT

MADAM SPEAKER.—I have received a message from the Chairman Legislative Council which is as follows :—' As per Section 106 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conduct of Business of the Karnataka Legislative Council, I send herewith the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Bill, 1976 which has been agreed to by the Legislative Council on 13th November 1976 without any amendments."

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : Smearing of the Statue of Shivaji at Nippani

SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the smearing of the Statue of Shivaji at Nippani.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I wish to make the following statement.

It is reported that on 30th October 1976 that a private person filed a complaint with the Nippani Police that some unknown miscreants have smeared the face of the bronze statue of Chatrapathi Shivaji at Shivaji Chowk, Nippani with cow-dung and have placed a shoe sole at its foot with a note in Marathi that the Marathi-speaking people should quit Nippani by 2nd November 1976 and this note is supposed to have been issued by the Karnataka Yuvak Mandal, Mysore. It is also reported that an old shoe was placed on the left hand of the statue of Shivaji. Immediately on receiving the information, the police rushed to the spot along with the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chikkodi, to study the situation and to take precautionary measures to control any further untoward incidents.

It is reported that the incident has happened as a result of some miscreants who have played this mischief to keep alive the border problem between the Maharashtrians and the Karnadigas. On hearing this incident, the people in and around Nippani were greatly agitated and small groups of people were moving about shouting slogans. There were a few incidents of stone-pelting on buses and telephone exchange and bank buildings, but the loss has not been very much.

In this regard complaints have been lodged by the aggrieved and cases have been registred. The Superintendent of Police and the Sub Divisional Magistrate, convened a meeting of the leading persons and students at the Municipal Hall and it was assured that all possible legal action would be taken against the culprits and that the citizens should co-operate with the authorities to maintain law and order, and necessary resolutions were also passed. In the evening, Pooja was performed of the statue after getting it cleaned thoroughly and all the citizens co-operated in the Pooja. Hartal was observed by merchants and others but this was also called off in the evening. A meeting of the leading persons was called and a Peace Committee has been formed to prevent any further untoward incidents. The members of the said Committee have co-operated with the officers in bringing the situation back to normalcy. It is further reported that the situation is very peaceful at present.

The Superintendent of Police, Belgaum is personally supervising the investigation of the case and no arrests have been made so far.

The Police are taking necessary precaution.

SRI R B SAYANAK.—You have admitted that there was a not in Marathi and there was also the name of Sivanagowda Kallangouda Patil. What action the Government have taken in respect o Sivangouda Kallangouda Patil ?

SRI D DEVARAJ URS —I would very much like if anybody were able to tell us who is that Shivan Gowda Patil. The Police have not been able to trace that imaginary person.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—A dog squad as brought from Kolhapur. May I know what is the investigation done by that dog squad in tracing the culprits ?

SRI D. DEVARJ URS.—We have not been able to find the culprits.

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SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—Perhaps you may not be aware how these dogs have been trained and how they pursue the offenders or the culprits. Some times, beyond a certain place, it cannot do anything. If a man goes to bus station and catches a bus, the dog can lead the police only up to the bus station but beyond that, it cannot do anything. Supposing in a bus stand, there are 50 buses and in what bus the culprit has gone; the dog cannot identify. Obviously, up to a point, the dogs do identify by scent and odour. Supposing a man goes to the Railway Station and catches a train, the dog can lead you up to the Railway Station. You cannot expect the dog to become a magician and say in this particular bogie the culprit has gone.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—You have brought the dog from Kolhapur. The dog had smelt the statue and then directly taken the police to the S. T. Station and sat on the Belgaum Bench. May I know why the S. P has not proceeded further ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—It went and sat on the Belgaum Bench, Beyond that the police are now able to locate who that person is. May be from Belgaum or from a suburb area God only knows.

SRI B B. SAYANAK.—Though the Shivaji Maharaj was born and brought up in Maharasthra, he was considered not only a leader of the Maharastra but a national leader. When cowdung is smeared on the statue and an old shoe was placed on the left hand, is it not an insult to the nation ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS —That is why we are taking so much trouble to find out the culprit and all that.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance).—I beg to lay :

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